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MONTEREY NEWS

April, 1979

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Library News

Several memorial contributions have been made in the name of Mrs. John Weiss.

A special item on the Warrant at Town Meeting this year will be a request by the library for funds for a new paint job. The library has not been painted in at least 15 years, and the job is long overdue.

Annual Town Meeting

The annual Town Meeting is scheduled for May 5 at 10 a.m. Voting for town officers will proceed from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Nominees for Office, 1979

Selectman	Jed Peter Lipsky	Rep-Dem	3 years
Assessor	Paul E. Thorn	Rep-Dem	3 years
Cemetery Committee	John A. Ryder	Rep	3 years
	Paul H. Bynack	Dem	
Finance Committee	W. Raymond Ward	Rep-Dem	3 years
Library Trustee	Newman B. Abercrombie	Rep	3 years
	Bonner Jean McAllester	Dem	
	Robert H. Ensign	Rep-Dem	
Planning Board	Marilyn Stevens	Rep-Dem	5 years
Town Clerk	Suzanne S. MacIver	Rep-Dem	3 years
Moderator	Eugene W. O'Connell	Dem	1 year
Park Commission	Maryellen A. Brown	Rep-Dem	3 years
Town Auditor	John F. Jefferson	Rep-Dem	1 year
Board of Appeals	Edith L. Wilson	Rep-Dem	5 years
	Osborne E. Dugan	Rep-Dem	1 year
So. Berk. Reg. School	Joseph R. Burkholder	Rep-Dem	2 years

Fire Department Notes

The open house held by the Monterey Fire Department on April 1 was attended by more than 200 Monterey residents who received a tour of the fire station and a demonstration of the equipment carried on the fire trucks, as well as a description of response procedures to emergency calls. The large (diameter 4") hose which was purchased by the town last year was on display, as were the paging units used for alerting firemen to a call and which were purchased with the proceeds from the '78 steak roast and the annual salaries of the department members.

Those attending were advised that the department was recommending that the Town of Monterey purchase a new tanker to compensate (due to old age) of the tractor/trailer that collapsed last year. Refreshments were served in the meeting room upstairs and many took advantage of the opportunity for conversation with friends and neighbors.

The Fire Department wants to thank the Police Department for responding to our last several calls. The presence of the police reduces the potential hazards incumbent in emergency situations.

Town Emergencies

It will interest townspeople to know that the Monterey Fire Department is equipped to respond to emergencies in addition to fires. The Barrington Ambulance Squad gave our Fire Department a plethora of emergency equipment which travels around in Ray Tryon's smartly equipped four-wheel drive vehicle. There are oxygen tanks, resuscitators and inflatable splints for broken bones. All Monterey firemen are trained in Advanced First Aid, CPR and Emergency Childbirth. If a call comes in to the Ambulance Squad from Monterey, headquarters there makes an automatic call to the Monterey fire phone. By that means and by radio ambulance drivers receive directions to the house in question, as well as other vital information. Meanwhile, whoever is available in the Monterey Fire Department travels to the house in question to offer whatever aid is most urgently needed.

CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Masses Schedule: Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield, Saturday, 5:30 p.m., Sunday, 7:30, 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception, Mill River, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes — Morning worship each Sunday 10:30 a.m. . . . . Kindergarten also at 10:30 a.m.

Massachusetts Conference — The annual meeting of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ will be on April 27-29 at Old First Church in Springfield. Delegates have received materials related to the Conference business. Those who will be representing our church are Mary Ward and Harriet Phillips.

Berkshire Association — The ~~spring~~ meeting of the Berkshire Association of the United Church of Christ will be on Sunday, May 6. The meeting will begin in the afternoon and continue through the evening. It is being held this year at Housatonic.

Bible Study Well Received — The Bible Study on the Holy Spirit that was held during the Lenten Season was well received. An outline of study was prepared beforehand. Attendance continued at a good level throughout the sessions. The Parish Council will be planning another series for a later period.

Worship Returned to Sanctuary — During the winter months the worship was held in the social room. With Palm Sunday the worship returned to the sanctuary. A number of people expressed joy at being in the "regular place" for worship again.

HORSESHOE BAY

Shrieking east in a freezing bird
All I saw was cold black water.
Then in about an hour and a quarter
The scissor-tail's song was what I heard.

Sometimes at dusk we two meander
Down spider webs of stony ways,
And in the squint of hand-held days
There's the fragraant rush of oleander.

The island's robed with colors two.
See endless walls of pink pastel
That lead us where the comet fell;
Take care my reefs of aqua blue.

Thomas F. Bradley
Monterey

THE ANGEL IN THE ROCK

There is the story that Michelangelo was pushing a huge piece of rock down the street A curious neighbor sitting on the steps of her house called to him, inquiring why he was laboring so over an old piece of stone. The answer Michelangelo is said to have given is, "Because there is an angel in the rock that wants to come out."

I confess to feeling a bit in the position of having rolled out a huge rock, knowing there must be an angel therein, but deeply puzzled over how to start releasing the angel. This has come since getting some responses from the last article in the Monterey News on "People Who Care." The responses have made it clear that a good many people are in the position of rolling over and over in their lives a huge, awkwardly shaped rock that they cannot leave alone because they know that there is an angel in it whose name is Love. Their dilemma is that they are having a gigantic struggle to release the angel -- so much so that they despair over it. Yet at the same time they cannot give up, walk away from the rock and declare they no longer care about it. I would suggest that more people than are aware of it have various sized rocks in their lives which leave them perplexed over how they shall release the angel. The question that perplexes them is, "If I cannot free the angel to come out of the rock, then why cannot I declare a plague on the rock and walk away from it?"

I doubt that it has been that evident to the readers of this column, but this "rock" started appearing in these pages about half a year ago. I felt myself grasped by the vision of Teilhard de Chardin that the whole of humanity is in the process of becoming a single organism. We are being bound together in a common life and we share a common destiny far more than our everyday sight reveals to us. A part of me affirms at a deep level of my being that this is indeed true, and yet another part of me protests that humanity looks more like an erratic mass of separate atoms each whirling away in its own orbit. It probably isn't that evident yet, but this "rock" I have been rolling through the "streets" of this column for the past six months has been trying to find a way of letting the angel out of a great hunk of seemingly misshapen material.

There is increasing evidence that we are all profoundly bound together. I would suggest that as we are moving into what appears to be a period of unstable economic and political life in our wotld we are going to be receiving repeated reminders that we are all riding in the same spacecraft. When the pinch comes some will try to act as if their own welfare is the only thing that counts. Yet it is my hunch that the time is here to begin realizing we are all in the same boat, and the sooner we begin acting that way the more likely we are not only to survive together but to go on to create a new world together. The terms "heaven" and "hell" as descriptions of states of states of life could take on real meaning for us. If each of us in a time of crunch starts being concerned only for self we can be sure that some sort of hell lies in the road immediately ahead. Yet if many of us can learn rapidly enough how much we are sharing a common life and a common destiny, then we may begin to realize John's vision of "a new heaven and a new earth."

The bottom line in this whole matter boils down to the progress you and I are making toward becoming "People Who Care." I suggested last month that learning to love is the apex of human development. Yet the deeply implanted claim within us to "love and be loved" is just about as universal a human impulse as we know anything about. We might think of this impulse as the lodestone that keeps drawing us deeper and deeper into the full potential of our humanity.

My conviction is that the time has come to do something much more concrete than philosophize about "loving and being loved" in these columns. There needs to be some sort of structure. We need an arena. We must find concrete ways of exercising and experimenting with this awesome dimension of our lives. Ideas, in order to live, must finally be planted in the real soil where we live out our lives.

We are hearing of "universities without walls" these days. I am proposing something like a "church without walls" in Monterey. I would like invite anyone who wants to explore further this awesome human demand "to love and be loved" which is planted so deep within us. Such a group, of necessity, would begin with talk. But it would be my hope that within such a group the necessity would soon arise to do more than talk. If anything real began to happen it would most certainly begin to develop structures and evolve patterns whereby the common claims of our humanity could take actual rootage in our common life. I haven't the ghost of a notion what structures and patterns might emerge from whatever cross-section of people might be interested. But since the healthiest forms of life continue to unfold from within, I would be willing to trust that, wouldn't you? I am anticipating calling together sometime in June those who wish to begin such an experiment. Would you want to be among those who start this endeavor? If so, why don't you drop me a line or call me concerning your interest?

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

A regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors was held at Gould Farm March 31. The Rev. Paul Kennedy, president, presided. Devotions were led by Dr. Jessie Danielsen. The executive secretary, Kent Smith, read his report. Referring to the guest population, he said, "Counting the Farm and Farrington House together, we have an absolute capacity at both locations. Our total census is running at fifty-two to fifty-three daily. There are now sixteen residents at Farrington, which has room for twenty. All of the sixteen have been fully employed most or all of the time they have lived there. We now have three full-time staff members and expect to add a half-time person in early June. He is Skip Winchell, an Andover-Newton Seminary student, who worked at the Farm all of last summer.

Mr. Smith discussed the successful operation of the Roadside Store and commented that the maple syrup project has gone well, led by Virgil Stucker. "The farming operation," Mr. Smith reported, "is gaining new leadership. The Reuters are leaving for their own farm in New York State, after five years of service here. Alexander and Olivia Dreier and their infant son, Matthew, have already moved in. Alexander has farmed in England and more recently in New York State on a dairy farm. They have been in touch with us for over three years. With backgrounds in agriculture and psychology, their life goal is to work with mentally ill people in a farming milieu and eventually perhaps to start their own Gould Farm. Their dedication to psychiatric rehabilitation through methods the Farm has used for years makes them welcome additions to the staff."

Edward Dunlop, treasurer, presented his report for January and February, which was discussed in detail and approved. A painting of the main house by Robert W. Daley was presented by the Board to Robert Wheeler in appreciation of his many years of interest in and service to Gould Farm. Memorial funds in the names of Ruth Carr, Lois Winchester and Evelyn Chamberlain were reported. An appropriate use for them will soon be decided upon.

Early in April, Friedhelm Koelsch came to spend two months working here. He is a member of Action-Reconciliation, the German peace group which is open to conscientious objectors, of whom Friedhelm is one, as a form of alternate service. He heard of Gould Farm from Hubert Klein, who was here last year. Friedhelm has worked for a year with Head Start in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. His work at Gould Farm will complete his period of service required by the German draft system. He hopes to spend a six weeks vacation tour in the U.S. before returning to his home in Germany.

Rose McKee

MONTEREY GRANGE #291

Monterey Grange met on March 21 for an open meeting and Booster Night. Deputy Fred Bardwell was guest speaker and presented a 50-year jewel to Brother Kenneth Warner. The Shapiro family presented musical selections and there were several skits and tableaus, with Richard, Patty and Bob Hardisty, Eva Klein and Debbie Mielke taking part. Florence Brown was the reader and Sister Wheeler from Great Barrington was the pianist.

The next meeting was April 4 and the three stewards were in charge of the program of Safety, Spring and St. Patrick. On April 18 the first and second degrees will be conferred. It was voted to do the pancake breakfasts again, the first one to be May 27.

On May 2 the members have accepted an invitation to have a joint meeting with Southampton Grange.

The National Grange has declared April 22-29 National Grange Week and there will be a Conservation Display at the Post Office in charge of Stanley Zilka and a Grange Activity Desplay at the library in charge of Mary Wallace.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

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Photography - Shawn Ryder recently won the County Photography Presentation, thereby making him the all-around photography award winner. On April 7 Shawn traveled to Bolton, Massachusetts, to compete in the State Visual Presentation.

Great Barrington Camera Club - The Camera Club held this month's meeting on April 10 in the V.F.W. Hall in Great Barrington. Helen Shaw gave a very beautiful slide program on Venice. The competition of this month's meeting involved "Farm Life and Rural Scenes."

BOY SCOUTS

Cub Scouts - On March 30 the Cub Scouts held their annual Blue and Gold Dinner at the Harold D. Rood Post 350. William Hurlburt of Lenox presented the Wolf Badge awards to the following boys in Pack 51: John Blanchard, Douglas Brown, Burton Burkholder, James Decker, Edward Harvey, Christopher Johnston, Christopher Makuc and Mark Seavey. Mr. Hurlburt also showed slides of various Scouting activities.

Webelos - The Webelos also attended the ceremony at the Legion Hall. Kirven Blount received a two-year membership pin and a Webelos' Citizen Award.

GIRL SCOUTS

Brownies - In celebration of Girl Scout Week the meeting on March 15 was a birthday party. The girls shared a cake and they had a special candle lighting ceremony based on the ten Girl Scout laws and the three parts of the Girl Scout Promise.

At the next meeting they talked about spring and took a walk to Greene Park, each Brownie looking for a sure sign of spring. Because the weather that day was warm, they were able to enjoy their snack outdoors by the Konkapot River.

The next two meetings were devoted to Easter projects. They first decorated paper eggs and glued them to trees drawn on construction paper with white paint blown with straws. Next they created chicks out og egg cartons and cotton balls as table decorations for Easter. Due to the spring vacation the next Brownie meeting will be on April 26.

Juniors and Cadettes - The girls are busy finishing up their individual badges as well as working on two health badges as a troop. They are also making plans for their Court of Awards and hope to have a play well rehearsed in time for that day. Spring brings thoughts of camping out and the girls are already planning an early camp the first weekend in May.

Just a reminder: In this area the Girl Scouts sponsor a day camp as well as regular one-week and two-week camps that are open to Scouts and non-Scouts alike. If your child is interested in attending please call 528-0148 for further information. Campership applications are due in by April 15.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group recently formed the principal contingent for Monterey townspeople who walked in the Good Friday Hunger Walk sponsored by the Harvest of Hope. The walk was a twenty-mile stretch from Alford to Lee. There were tired feet and aching bodies, but still they agreed it was a fine way to spend Good Friday. Various people in Monterey sponsored them in the walk. The money collected is to help local, national and international projects to relieve hunger.

The group went bowling for a recent recreational event and they are planning a roller-skating party for May. Planning is also underway for events in the late spring and summer. One which the group especially looks forward to is their retreat to Warner Farm in Cummington, Massachusetts.

Kevin Bradley
Youth Editor

MEMORIAL FOR HOLOCAUST VICTIMS

(The Monterey News was typed ready for mimeographing when the information below was received. It seemed very important to include in this issue, so we rearranged things, crowded open space to include it. We commend to your careful attention.VVB)

The Interfaith Council of Western Massachusetts invites you to participate in a commemorative program honoring the memories of the martyrs of the Nazi Holocaust. The program will take place on April 22, 8 pm. at the Longmeadow High School Audutorium. The evening's focus will be "Shadows on the Night," an extraordinary play about the Nazi Holocaust based on diaries and chronicles of the Warsaw Ghetto. All welcome!

We reprint the Congressional Resolution:

Whereas six million Jews and millions of other people were murdered in concentration camps as part of a program of extermination carried out by the Nazi party during World War II;

Whereas the people of the United States should recognize that all acts of bigotry are rooted in the cruelty of spirit and the callousness that led Nazis to commit atrocities against millions of people, and should dedicate themselves to the principle of human equality;

Whereas the people of the United States should recognize that tyranny creates the political atmosphere in which bigotry flourishes, and should be vigilant to detect, and ready to resist, the tyrannical exercise of power;

Whereas on April 28 and 29 of 1945 the Armed Forces of the United States liberated the surviving victims of Nazi internment in the concentration camp in Dachau, Germany, and revealed to the world evidence of tragic human holocaust that must never be forgotten; and

Whereas the Nazi concentration camp in Dachau, Germany, is not only a shocking symbol of Nazi brutality and destruction, but also a symbol of the danger inherent in tyranny, the pernicious quality of bigotry, and the human capacity to be cruel:

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, THAT APRIL 28 AND 29 OF 1979 ARE DESIGNATED AS "DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST," AND THE PRESIDENT IS AUTHORIZED AND REQUESTED TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION CALLING UPON THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES TO OBSERVE SUCH DAYS WITH APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES.

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